

SOME PECULIAR INSTITUTIONS

The Government Clerks in the Nation's Capital

ARE FITTED FOR PROFESSIONS

THEY SECURE WORK OUTSIDE THE OFFICE HOURS AND MANY DO WELL.

Walter P. Williams Writes of Some of the Famous Men Who Have Been Government Clerks—He Tells of His Work in the General Land Office—A Good Story Teller.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—(Special Correspondence).—One of the peculiar terms that is likely to strike the ear of a stranger as queer when he comes to Washington is "sundowner." A person in the Government employ, who, outside of office hours, devotes himself or herself to any other pursuit for money, is called a "sundowner." Thus it happens that there are "sundowner" doctors, dentists, lawyers. Occasionally a young man uses his Government clerkship as a stepping-stone to an independent professional career, but that is the exception. Such an one may attend the evening professional schools, conducted with an eye on the patronage of Government employes. When he has completed his course and is ready to begin to apply his professional knowledge, he may lack the courage to step out of an assured income to an uncertainty. So he holds on to his position. But he sees opportunities to use his knowledge outside of office hours and as his opportunities enlarge his ambition grows and he eagerly awaits the day when he can trust himself to walk with the aid of a Government clerk.

I know, for instance, a young attorney who is making a specialty of patent law. He is in another department, and is anxiously looking forward to the time when he will have enough business in sight to justify him in depending on it for a living. He will probably not have very long to wait. I have met another who is a dentist. However, it seems that the average clerk becomes a part of the machine and lacks the courage or the opportunity to separate himself from it. Not only this, but the love of life at the capital city holds many here. Washington is an ideal residence city—in the winter. Some enthusiasts said that when the members of a certain city congregation met in Heaven, their greeting would be on this wise: "Isn't this magnificent?" surveying the gold-paved streets and Jasper walls of the New Jerusalem. "Yes, this is nice; but still it isn't Washington."

Some famous newspaper men were once Government clerks. Mr. Kincaid, of the Eugene Journal, who served one term as Secretary of the State of Oregon, was a clerk here for some sixteen years.

Henry Watterman, the brilliant editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, also served in that capacity at one time. He no doubt then gained an insight into the political life of the capital city which has since served him well. When he undertakes to serve up the political claims and notices of the various parties as they appear in Washington, his articles make interesting reading.

Speaking of newspaper men reminds me that a custom exists here that never attracted my attention in the West. It is the printing of a column in the daily papers, a part of which is devoted to notices under the heading "In Memoriam." That department evidently has no literary editor; or if it has, he has a very liberal license. Here are two or three sample notices, with the names slightly altered, taken from late issues of the "Evening Star," the largest afternoon paper in the city:

"Smith. In sad but loving remembrance of our dear daughter, Susan Hobson Smith, who died ten years ago tomorrow. Anniversary mass at Blank's church at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

May her soul rest in peace. Farewell dear sister, thou art at rest. And shall forever be. You could not stay on earth with us. But we can come to thee. By her parents. Dear mamma, could we speak to you And could you live again. Our aching hearts would then be healed. But this we wish in vain. By her children.

"Campbell. In loving but sad remembrance of my dear husband, Alexander Campbell, who departed this life one year ago today, March 22, 1911. Loved in life, in death remembered. By his wife."

The publication of such notices—the foregoing are rather better than the average, probably—seems to be a custom.

A few months ago I was transferred to another room in the same division of the land office. Besides the writer there are in the room four "examiners," all of whom are lawyers. One of them—Mr. Charles T. Yoder—is to our room what Finley Perrine used to be at the State House. He always has a story for the occasion. And some of his yarns tax one's credulity quite as severely as any of Finley's. He has lived in Washington many years, and has been in the Government service a good while. He was at one time a patron of the turf and still appreciates a horse that can make the dust fly. The incident I am about to relate is not one of the class above referred to but he says it actually took place.

Someday remarked that President Grant was once arrested by a policeman for rapid driving in the city. "Yes," said Mr. Yoder, "and I know more about that than anybody else here. When Grant was President I owned a nice little trotter that I often drove around town. One afternoon I went home from the office and started for a drive. I had not gone very far when the President came along driving a fast roadster. Grant liked a fine horse, and he was a good judge of

horses, too, though he wouldn't say very much. Well, he undertook to pass me, and I kept just about so far ahead of him. Our speed increased until we were going over the ground at a rapid pace, when I happened to see a mounted policeman in the middle of the street several squares ahead of us. I pulled my horse down gradually and Grant went ahead. When we were still a square away from the policeman I had slowed down enough to enable me to turn out, which I did, and went off on another street. Grant evidently hadn't seen the policeman waiting for us, and rode right into his arms. Well, the policeman arrested him and took him to headquarters where he deposited twenty dollars as collateral for his appearance in the police court next morning. Of course, the next morning when the name of U. S. Grant was called there was no response, and the collateral was forfeited. The policeman who made this arrest was subsequently granted a life pension.

Hon. Jefferson Myers and wife are in the city, having come here from Charleston, S. C., a little more than a month ago. They have been looking up the Oregon people here and find quite a number of them, and those who knew Mr. and Mrs. Myers in Oregon are all very much pleased to meet them here. Mr. Myers was a witness of the Tillman-McLaurin encounter in the Senate, and said that at the moment he rather expected firearms would be used. While the dignity of the Senate was somewhat disfigured the episode has apparently been already forgotten in the rush of events. So runs the world away.

It is a pleasure to say that since my last letter Major D. C. Sherman has been promoted one grade in the service. He is regarded as a first-class man in his division and entitled to further recognition on the merit of his work, which will no doubt be accorded him.

A note from Mr. David Wolfe Brown, one of the official reporters of the House of Representatives, reminds me that in a former letter I inadvertently transferred Mr. Theo. F. Shurey, of the Senate corps, to the other end of the Capitol. I did not mean to say that Mr. Brown mentioned the matter, but that the receipt of a note from him brought it to mind. I fear Mr. Brown does not read my letters to the Statesman. Those Congressional reporters have a pretty good thing up at the Capitol even if they do work hard sometimes, and, since it takes political influence to enable a man to do anything at all in Washington, I have about decided to apply for the next vacancy. It is the only job I know of that would suit me here, and I am not yet decided whether it would require more political influence to get a place on the corps of reporters of debates than a \$1200 clerkship in one of the Departments. When Mark Hanna returns from New York, where he has gone to try and avert a strike among the coal miners of Pennsylvania and the Virginias, think I'll go and get his opinion on the subject. If he will "stand in" with me, you can rely on my statement that an Oregonian will fill the next vacant reporter'ship at the Capitol. And I had rather be in the Senate end of the building, for the reporters there can sit down at a table; while over in the House, they have to write holding notebook in hand and chasing around after the speakers. And barring an occasional incident of the Tillman-McLaurin kind, the Senate is the more deliberate body and easier to report.

WALTER P. WILLIAMS.

TOO MANY SHERIFFS.

A Prisoner Made His Escape While the Officers Were Gadding.

NEW YORK, April 1.—In the comedy of "Who's Sheriff?" now going on in Brooklyn, a prisoner is reported to have escaped from the custody of Sheriff Guden because John Wilson, a jailer, insisted that Colonel Dike was the real sheriff, and that Guden had no legal right to the custody of the prisoner. The latter was arrested on a charge of contempt of court upon an order issued by Judge Maddox, of the Supreme Court. The order for arrest and the commitment papers were delivered to Guden after he had found his man, and he proceeded to the Raymond street jail. The man at the door refused, however, to permit Guden the use of the place, and after the argument was over the prisoner is said to have been found missing.

Guden claims, however, that he has his man securely locked up, but whether in a furnished room or in his cellar he refused to say.

CABOTAGE.

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ELEVEN MEN DROWNED.

Result of a Collision in the English Channel Fog.

LONDON, April 1.—Eleven men were drowned as the result of a collision this morning near Nab lightship, between the Channel passenger steamer Alma and the British ship Cambrian Princess Captain Roberts, from Peru for Antwerp. The latter sank immediately, and eleven of her crew perished. The Alma returned to Southampton, badly damaged. The collision occurred at 2:30 a. m. during foggy weather. The Alma struck the Cambrian Princess on the starboard quarter, ripping her side wide open. The ship heeled over and sank in four minutes. The eleven survivors were hauled on board the Alma by means of ropes. The steamer's bows were badly stove in.

The Cambrian Princess was built at Southampton in 1875. She was of 1275 tons net register, and was owned by W. Thomas & Co., of Liverpool.

FIGHTING FOR PLACE

The Senatorial Contest in Arkansas Shows Jones' Defeat.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 1.—Tonight the Senatorial situation remains unchanged. It is claimed that advances from forty-four counties show that they were carried by Clarke. These counties have seventy-five members of the General Assembly, or eight more than a majority on joint ballot. Senator Jones has not abandoned hope.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Senate confirmations of postmasters today were: I. G. Cogswell, of Burke, Idaho; D. F. Babcock, of Billings, Montana.

CHINESE INDEMNITY.

SHANGHAI, April 1.—The third installment of the indemnity was paid today. It amounted to 1,800,000 taels.

TONGUE AND WILLIAMSON

Both Men Nominated for Congress by Acclamation.

BOTH CONVENTIONS WERE SHORT

THE FIRST DISTRICT'S REPRESENTATIVE HAS NO OPPOSITION THIS CAMPAIGN.

While Moody, in the Second District, Was Withdrawn When the Line-Up Showed His Weakness—The Battle for Governor in the State Convention Today.

ROSEBURG, April 1.—The Congressional Convention was called to order by Dr. T. W. Harris, of Lane county, at 12:30 o'clock. Judge H. H. Hewitt, of Linn, was chosen temporary chairman, and appointed committees on and order of business. The report of the committee on credentials was adopted, all the counties being represented and the temporary organization was made permanent.

Hon. Thomas H. Tongue was placed in nomination and declared the choice of the convention by acclamation.

The several counties presented the names of persons for members of the Congressional committee. Chairman Harris declared the convention adjourned at 1:30 p. m., and took a train in waiting for Portland, having been in session 40 minutes. It was the shortest convention ever held in the First Congressional District of Oregon.

Portland, April 1.—The Second District Congressional Convention convened in this city at 10:30 this morning when a temporary organization was perfected, the Williamson men being in control, with the aid of the Multnomah delegation. After the usual preliminaries the convention adjourned to 1:30 p. m. At that time the convention met and perfected a permanent organization, and, in a few minutes after, Hon. J. W. Williamson, of Prineville, was placed in nomination.

HON. THOMAS H. TONGUE.



Nominated at Roseburg Yesterday, to Succeed Himself as Congressman from this District.

tion, and was nominated by acclamation. The Convention adopted no platform, and soon adjourned, after the Congressional committee-men had been named.

The Battle Today.

Portland, Oregon, April 1.—The contest over the nomination for Governor in the Republican State Convention tomorrow is growing exciting. Tonight the Multnomah county delegates in caucus decided to support W. J. Furnish, of Pendleton. The standing of candidates for Governor is tonight about as follows: Pledged to Governor Geer, 96; to Furnish, 116; to Johns, 12; to Fulton, 3; uncommitted delegates, 116. Necessary to a choice, 172.

A Democrat Re-elected.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 1.—Mayor David S. Rose a Democrat, is re-elected with a plurality close to 5000.

Temperance Wins.

Topeka, Kan., April 1.—The Republicans won in all the wards of the city. This is understood to be a victory for the temperance people.

The Tacoma Election.

Tacoma, Wash., April 1.—In the municipal election today, Louis D. Campbell, a Republican, was re-elected mayor by about 550 majority. The Republicans also re-elected Ernest Lister, controller, and Chas. D. Atkins, treasurer. The Democrats elect two councilmen out of the eight.

In Chicago.

Chicago, April 1.—Republicans and Democrats each made a gain of one alderman in the city election today. The new council will consist of thirty-nine Republicans, thirty Democrats, and one Independent. The old council consisted of thirty-eight Republicans, twenty-nine Democrats and three Independents.

JONES IS OUT.

Little Rock, Ark., April 1.—With ten counties yet to report, the returns give the following results on the United States Senatorship: James P. Clarke, 69; James K. Jones, 50; necessary to elect on joint ballot, 67. These figures are deemed conclusive.

HAS RESIGNED.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Dr. Cabell Whitehead, chief assayer of the mint, has resigned to take effect as soon as Secretary Shaw finds a suitable man to succeed him.

"Agents' Authority to Sell"—Real Estate blanks, at the Statesman Job Office.

Trespass notices printed on cloth at the Statesman office.

ELECTIONS IN IOWA.

Republican Mayor Was Elected in Des Moines—Democrats Show Gains.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 1.—Returns from twenty-one of the twenty-nine precincts of this city give James Bremton, Republican, for mayor, 650 majority over John H. Hartbrown, Democrat.

Denison, Ia., April 1.—This town, the home of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw and Congressman Connor, today went Democratic by a majority of 29. Last fall the town gave Governor Cummins, a Republican, 280 majority.

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STRIKERS MAY PICKET.

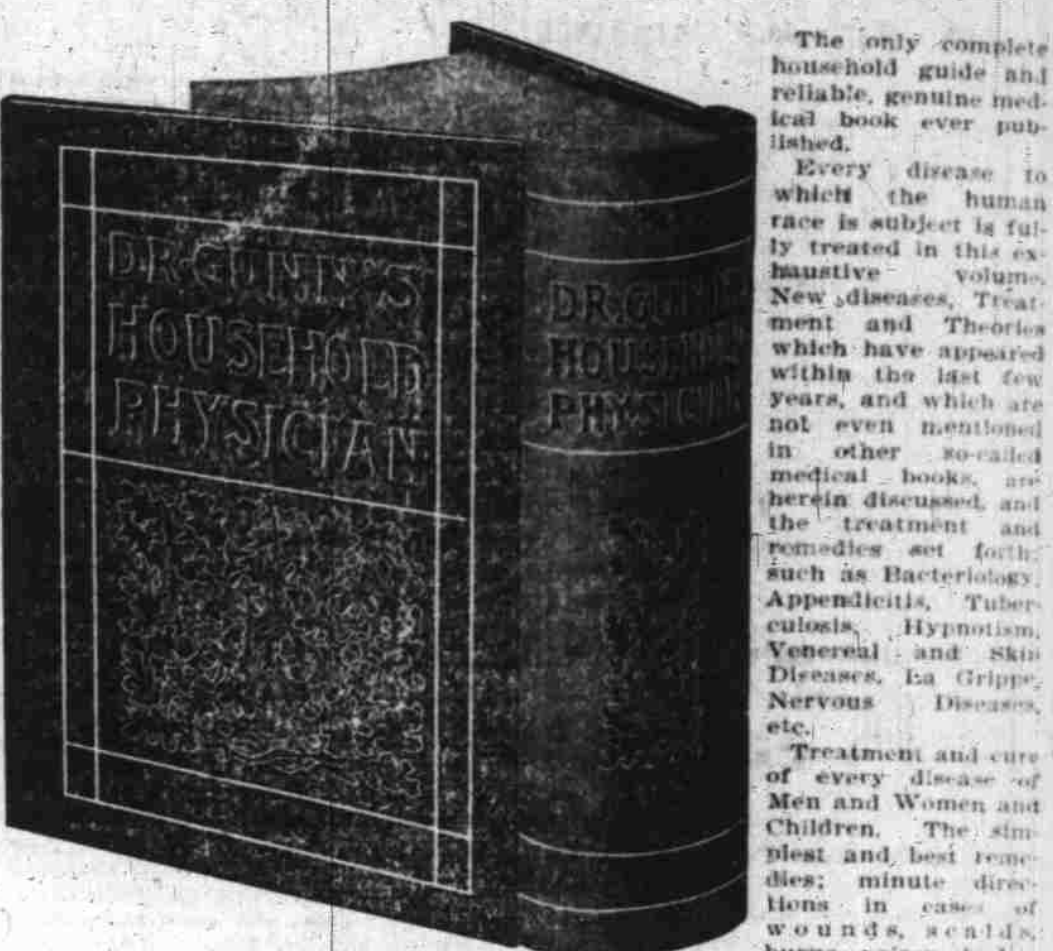
NEW YORK, April 3.—Justice Gaynor, in the Supreme Court at Brooklyn, handed down a decision that strikers

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